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ON NOV 8 AND 9 A 5 MEMBER DEL FROM THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US CONGRESS, LED BY
REPRESENTATIVE EKIKA DE LA GARZA OF TEXAS, VISIT COTONOU, DAHOMEY,
ENROUTE TO ROME WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND CONCLUDING SESSIONS OF
THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. WHILE IN COTONOU THE CONGRESSMEN
CALLED ON PRESIDENT MATHIEU KEREKOU, AND MET WITH DAHOMEAN
OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PLANNING AND
STATISTICS, AND AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT. CONG-
GRESSMAN DE LA GARZA EMPHASIZED THE STRONG AMERICAN INTEREST
IN THE WELL-BEING AND PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA.
HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE GREAT SATISFACTION OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN REGARD TO THE DAHOMEAN
GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING THE RAPID UNLOADING
AND TRANSHIPMENT OF GRAIN DONATED BY THE US FOR THE RELIEF
OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN PEOPLE OF NIGER. MR DE LA GARZA SAID
HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE DETERMINATION OF PRESIDENT KEREKOU
AND HIS GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF

DAHOMEY.

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THE GROUP IS VISITING AFRICA BEFORE THE CONFERENCE IN ROME

IN ORDER TO SEE FIRSTHAND THE FOOD PROBLEMS OF WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA AND TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN GETTING RELIEF SHIPMENTS DELIVERED TO THE POPULATION SUFFERING FROM SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGE RESULTING FROM THE PROLONGED DROUGHT THAT HAS PLAGUED THE SAHEL REGION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN COTONOU AFTER VISITING TO BAMAKO AND LOME. THE WILL ALSO STOP IN GABON, CAMEROON, AND NIGERIA BEFORE PROCEEDING ON TO ROME.
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